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Dr. Adrian Kantrowitz
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Brooklyn 19, New York

Dear Doctor Kantrowitz:

I had the privilege and pleasure of inserting one of the G.E. implantable cardiac pacemakers, which you developed with General Electric, in the recent past.

It worked and is working remarkable well, and since we implanted it in a patient who had in the preceding few hours undergone three cardiac arrests, there is no doubt but that it saved his life. His postoperative course (he is in his second postoperative week) has been extremely benign. He is up and around and doing very well and will be discharged home soon.

I would appreciate any reprints you have on this subject. I would also appreciate the source where you obtain the insulated electrode which can be inserted into the cardiac catheter for pacing the heart with an external pacemaker during preparation for the implantation of the implantable pacemaker. This was one of our problems in this case in that we were unable to successfully pace him externally and at the time did not have the lead for inserting into the right auricle of the heart via the cardiac catheter.

I think this pacemaker is quite obviously the best one available and represents a very real contribution. It was most gratifying to all concerned to see how excellently it has worked and to participate in such an interesting and lifesaving procedure.

Sincerely yours,

Jack A. Cannon, M.D.
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Associate Professor

mf P.S. I now have another case in need of a pace-maker. She is being maintained on Digoxin. The problem is that G.E. tells me no further pace-makers are available until production is started. Would you happen to know of one I might obtain?
J.A.C.